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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Pastor or Chaplain, rather, Patrick Davis, Alegent Health Pastoral Services, Omaha, Nebraska; Senator Thompson's district, which is District 14. Chaplain.

PASTOR DAVIS: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chaplain Davis, for being with us this morning; appreciate you being here. I call the sixty-seventh day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Just one item. I have a communication from the state of Kentucky regarding House Resolution 191. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1279.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Speaker Brashear, you're recognized to speak.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, if I might have your attention, please. I'm sure most of you think I always lose negotiations with the senior member. I don't feel like I always lose, but I want you to know that there has been a negotiation with regard to this and I have lost. But as the senior member would say, I, you know, nobody can take the microphone away from anybody and I will not begin this day without recognizing that as Senator Chambers begins his work here today he is the longest serving legislator in the history of Nebraska, and I think that needs to be recognized.